

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I think if we open the road it will give convenience for traffic.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഈ രണ്ടുതെരുവു കയ്യാക്കുന്നതിന്നു ഏ. സി. റോഡിൽ സ്ഥലം സൗകര്യം വളരെ വലുതാകുമെന്നുള്ള വിവരം അറിയാമോ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, I have already stated in the answer that the work will begin in the fourth Section after the lands are acquired.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: അതിലേക്കുവേണ്ട സ്ഥലം പൊന്നംവിലകൂടാതെ വിട്ടുതരുന്നതാണ് അവിടത്തെ ജനങ്ങൾ അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: പൊന്നംവിലകൂടാതെ റോഡിനുവേണ്ട സ്ഥലം ലഭിക്കുമെങ്കിൽ അത് റോഡുണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിന് വളരെ സൗകര്യപ്രദമാണെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ലേ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Certainly.

Appointments and promotions in the Land Revenue Department.

63. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (Quilon cum Kottarakara): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a G. O. fixing the proportion of graduates and undergraduates in regard to appointments and promotions in the Land Revenue Department, since the standardisation scheme was put into effect, and, if so the provisions thereof;

(b) whether the principle of the G. O. is being strictly adhered to in all appointments, acting, permanent and temporary; and

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the negative, the reasons for the departure from the rule together with the cases in which such deviation has been made?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner): (a) Yes. *Extract of G. O. R. O. C. No. 686/35/1/GI. dated 16-4-35 on the subject is laid on the table. (b) & (c) Yes, in the matter of permanent promotions to the grade of Rs. 25-40 and above up to Rs. 100-125. In temporary and acting vacancies of less than 3 months duration, the proportion is not generally maintained with a view to avoid dislocation of work.

Nadar Christians in the Account Office.

64. *MR. D. FRANCIS (Kalkulam cum Vilavankod): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:

(a) a list of Catholic, Hindu and Protestant Nadars who have been appointed both permanent and acting from 1-1-1100 to 1-1-1114 in the Account Office with their names, pay and date of appointment; and

(b) promotion, if any, given to them during the past 14 years and the increase of pay given to them with their names and date of promotion?

* Vide Appendix I.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (a) and (b). The information asked for is not in conformity with the classification of the various communities of the State for purposes of recruitment to the Public Service, as recognised by Government in their order R. Dis. No. 893/Gl., dated 25.6.1935. The classified lists maintained by Heads of Departments and Offices are in conformity with the above G. O.

Labourers at Alleppey.

65. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the demands of the labourers at Alleppey and the efforts made by Government to meet their demands together with the result?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

The main grievances and demands of the labourers in the coir mats and matting factories in Alleppey, and the surrounding places, as set forth in the memorandum dated 23-9-1113, submitted to the District Magistrate, Quilon, by the Managing Committee of the Travancore Labour Association (now registered as the Travancore Coir Factory Workers' Union) are the following:—

Grievances.

- (a) Continued reduction of wages,
- (b) Refusal of employers to raise wages to a level adequate to meet primary requirements,
- (c) Payment of wages in kind and
- (d) Contract system.

Demands.

- (a) That a minimum wage should be determined which the employers should be made to pay to the Labourers.
- (b) That instead of payment of wages on a piece-work basis, fixed wages should be paid daily, weekly or monthly.
- (c) That the same rate of wages should be paid for the same kind of operations in the different factories or, in other words, wages should be standardised.
- (d) That Wage-Boards should be created for settling disputes regarding wages.
- (e) That Payment of Wages Act and such other Labour Acts should be enacted in Travancore; and
- (f) That a Labour Department of Government should be created or a Commissioner of Labour should be appointed to protect the interests of Labour in the State.

The efforts made by Government.

On the 21st March 1938, the Government directed Mr. T. Chandu, the then District Magistrate, Quilon, to conduct an enquiry into the grievances alleged by the labourers. From this preliminary enquiry, Government were satisfied of the necessity for appointing a Committee to enquire into the Labour conditions prevailing in the mats and matting factories.